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Loans Rules. It is stated in the petition that the assessment on certain lands belonging to the petitioner was remitted in the last fasli. The petition has been transferred to the Board of Revenue. The Government have no other information.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know, when the Government themselves have granted remissions for want of proper crops, why they cannot extend the term for repayment of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, automatically without any application from the parties concerned?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"The answer itself says that such remissions are granted by the Collector. So also he can grant the extension of term for repayment of loans."

Grant of loans for relief of distress in famine areas.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that loans for relief of distress in famine areas in this Presidency are not being granted to village officers and other village servants and depressed classes, though they are pattadars;

(*b*) whether loans to such persons are not being granted in Anantapur district; and

(*c*) whether loans to such persons are being discouraged in Anantapur district?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"Sir, the answer given to this question is, 'the Government have no information.' May I ask the Hon. Member to call for the information and supply it to this House so that it may have an idea of the condition of the people of my district?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I think that is a matter entirely for the discretion of the Collector."

Protection of Wild Birds and Animals.

Number of cattle and people killed by wild animals in North Arcot during the last triennium.

* 239 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cattle and people killed by wild beasts in the North Arcot district, talukwar, during each of the last three years; and

(*b*) the number of rewards awarded for shooting wild animals during each of those years in the North Arcot district?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement showing the number of cattle and people killed by wild animals, and the number and amount of the rewards given for the destruction of wild animals in each taluk of the North Arcot district during each of the last three years is appended.[a]

Reforms

Protests against the inclusion of the Telugu parts of the Ganjam district in the new Orissa Province.

* 240 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state with reference to question No. 675 of 22nd February 1935, what orders have been received from the Government of India, regarding the inclusion of the Telugu-speaking parts of the Ganjam district in the new Orissa Province?

A.—No orders have been received on the subject.

Wireless Installations

Progress of the scheme for the establishment of a broadcasting service in the province.

* 241 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the broadcasting scheme in this province is;

(*b*) whether the expert appointed for the purpose has finished his labours and submitted his report; if so, whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table;

(*c*) what the expenditure so far incurred in this connexion is and on which items it was incurred;

(*d*) to which of the places the service is to be given first, and which the places are that will have it immediately after;

(*e*) whether rural municipalities and towns also will get it; and

(*f*) what the total estimate is of the whole scheme?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given on 7th August 1935 to question No. 114.

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and to the second part in the negative.

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(*c*) Pay of officers	24,600	
Other charges	10,792	
	35,392	or Rs. 35,400 in round figures.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 110 infra.